

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representative George**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 15-10-205 TO ALLOW THE  
9 STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO UPDATE THE 1979 ENERGY CODE AND TO  
10 PROVIDE FOR THE REVIEW OF THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS BY  
11 THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO UPDATE THE  
15 1979 ENERGY CODE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVIEW OF THOSE  
16 RULES BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY."

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205 is hereby amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 "15-10-205. Energy Office - Powers and duties.

23 (a) The Arkansas Energy Office shall coordinate authority and planning  
24 by the state in energy-related matters and shall have the following duties and  
25 responsibilities:

26 (1) Coordinating energy matters between and among all state  
27 agencies;

28 (2) Compiling an energy profile for the state which includes, but  
29 is not limited to, data on the demand for and supply of renewable and  
30 nonrenewable energy resources;

31 (3) Collecting data on, planning, and administering emergency  
32 plans, when needed, to allocate the distribution of motor fuels, heating oil,  
33 and propane by wholesale jobbers and dealers, within the state;

34 (4) Collecting data on, planning, and administering emergency  
35 plans, when needed, for the conservation or rationing of motor fuels;

1           (5) Proposing executive and legislative measures on energy-  
2 related matters;

3           (6) Providing comments before state and federal regulatory bodies  
4 on energy matters mandated by federal and state agencies;

5           (7) Monitoring and evaluating existing and proposed actions,  
6 laws, policies, regulations, and orders of state and federal government in  
7 energy matters relevant to Arkansas;

8           (8) Securing and administering federal energy grants for agencies  
9 of state government and monitoring and publicizing federal energy grants  
10 available to the private sector;

11           (9) Carrying out energy-related administrative and program  
12 functions established and required by federal law, regulations, or guidelines  
13 when applicable in Arkansas;

14           (10) Developing and administering conservation programs directed  
15 toward reducing wasteful, inefficient uses of energy;

16           (11) Promulgating reasonable rules and regulations for the  
17 purpose of implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting  
18 efficiency standards for new building construction in the state;

19           (12) Developing and proposing thermal and lighting efficiency  
20 improvement programs for all buildings owned by the state and prescribing  
21 reasonable thermal and lighting efficiency criteria applicable to the leasing  
22 of buildings by all state agencies;

23           (13) Administering a public energy awareness program to inform  
24 and demonstrate to the public the importance and methods of utilizing energy  
25 conservation and renewable energy resources.

26           (b) The Arkansas Energy Office shall have authority to:

27           (1) Provide comments before state and federal bodies in energy  
28 matters relevant to Arkansas;

29           (2) Receive and expend funds obtained from the federal government  
30 or other sources by means of contracts, grants, awards, payment for services,  
31 and other devices in support of energy-related programs, studies, or other  
32 operations beneficial to the State of Arkansas;

33           (3) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose  
34 of implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting  
35 efficiency standards for new building construction;

1           (4) Propose programs for the implementation of thermal and  
2 lighting efficiency improvements for all buildings owned by the state and  
3 prescribe reasonable thermal and lighting efficiency criteria applicable to  
4 the leasing of buildings by all state agencies;

5           (5) Promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of  
6 administering emergency plans as referred to in subdivision (a)(4) of this  
7 section.

8           (c) Prior to the final adoption of the rules and regulations  
9 prescribing thermal and lighting efficiency standards for new building  
10 construction referred to in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the Joint  
11 Committee on Energy of the Arkansas General Assembly shall review and comment  
12 on the rules and regulations of the State Energy Office."

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14           SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18           SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24           SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
25 hereby repealed.

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